

## BABY MADE TROUBLE.

Beethoven Bergstrom's Air Baths  
Worried Neighbors.

Incidentally a Big Dog Yelped a  
Duet with the Child.

It Made in Court with the Aid of  
Gerry's Society.

Little Beethoven Bergstrom has had only ten months experience of life. He was born into a world of trouble last June, yet, judging from his cheery gurgle, laugh and growl, he is prepared to give an affirmative reply to Prof. Mallock's much debated query—"Is life worth living?"

To begin with, the family physician, when he called in last June, said every body was mistaken, and that the train from No Man's Land would not arrive till another day. So the good doctor went away. Then Prof. Carl G. Bergstrom had an awful time running around in the middle of the night for a doctor. He finally found Dr. E. F. Arnold, of 28 East Twentieth street, who arrived at Prof. Bergstrom's studio at night and found him in a state of collapse. The doctor, however, who is a student of the general theory of music, just in time to welcome Master Beethoven Bergstrom. Beethoven's papa had a big dog with a big voice, a cross between a mastiff and a pointer. He howled at night and barked by day in the back yard. The neighbors objected, and finally the Board of Health came and told Beethoven's papa he must abate the dog nuisance. Then Prof. Bergstrom's class in harmony on that block, and the Board of Health came and told Beethoven's papa he must abate the dog nuisance. Then Prof. Bergstrom's class in harmony on that block, and the Board of Health came and told Beethoven's papa he must abate the dog nuisance.

They complained to the Gerry Society, and the Gerry Society summoned all the Bergstroms and all the Sternfelds to the Jefferson Market Court. There Mr. Bernstein, of Sternfeld's, told Judge Taintor that three weeks ago, when the air was bitter cold, he saw little Beethoven and heard him very much. He said that the little chap's legs and arms were bare; that he sent Bertha Smith, an embroiderer, to tell Beethoven's mother that the little girl returned to report that Beethoven's mamma said, "Mind your own business." But the little chap leaped over the back fence, rescued little Beethoven, who was clad only in a bath towel, a tiny shirt, and a blue skin, and that Beethoven was so far from thankful that he told him, too, to mind his own business.

"Yes, and last summer she used to leave him out in the glaring sun with out anything to shade him," said Bertha, to which Mrs. Sternfeld and Fanny Arnold added similar tales of woe, and said little Beethoven had yelled for hours unheeded in that back yard. Beethoven's mamma was a fully scared and only murmured in defense that she gave her baby plenty of air by medical advice. She ordered no winter clothes, and Judge Taintor warned her that another complaint would make much trouble for her.

A reporter of "The Evening World" called at the studio of music, and Prof. Bergstrom told of a multi-mannered little man, born in Denmark, of Swedish parents. Withmina Johanna, his wife, is a comely, matronly German woman, and she was giving little Beethoven his regular morning bath.

Beethoven, himself, in less than prize ring costume, stared at the reporter with great big handsome brown eyes, like his mamma's, and when the reporter asked if the story about his being dreadfully abused was true, Beethoven's chubby face broke into a beaming smile and the roll of fat on his sides worked up and down in mirthful convulsions, while his plump, vigorous arms worked like a windmill and he growled and thumped his sturdy chest.

"You see how much injury has been done my baby," said Beethoven's mother. "It is true I have kept him in the open air and in the sun, but when the air is not damp I have put him out in his carriage. All physicians agree that it is a healthy thing to do, and my little one has never had a cold in his life. Of course, he is properly clothed. He wears this long cloak, and his wool outside the usual baby's

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dress, and, of course, when he gets hungry and cold, while his mamma and mine don't always agree, and I'm sure his yelling hasn't seemed to hurt him. His two first teeth came without his knowing it. "The day Mr. Bernstein climbed over the fence and brought him in the house, I happened at the moment to be busy with a caller at the front door. I did not know that girl till I met her in court. It is simply that my old country ideas about rearing children differ from those of some other people. I don't take baby to court for fear the Gerry Society might take him away from me. "Go ask Dr. Robertson, whose windows overlook our yard. He will know if I have abused my precious one." Dr. R. S. Robertson, who needs no other introduction to New Yorkers, lives in the back back of the Studio of Music. He laughed.

"My attention has not been attracted to a suffering baby," he laughed. "I hope because I have been too attentive to my own sufferings from the anvil chorus, yapping dog and that place that is played by a motor over at Prof. Bergstrom's."

Dr. Tom Robertson suggested that perhaps Prof. Bergstrom put little Beethoven in the back yard to "moller" with the view of strengthening his vocal cords and expanding his lungs for future musical achievements.

But at the embroidery factory the opinion prevailed that Beethoven has simply been put in to assist the dog and the anvil chorus.

Only Slipped Her Occasionally.

Mrs. Catherine Steinmetz was granted \$10 a month alimony and \$100 counsel fee today by Judge Beckman pending trial of a suit for limited divorce against Conrad F. Steinmetz, an upholsterer in the Imperial Hotel. Mrs. Steinmetz claims her husband treated her with cruelty and threatened to take her life. Steinmetz says his wife abandoned him without cause. Aside from slapping her face on several occasions he denies that he treated her cruelly.

THINKS THEY WERE POISONED

Mrs. Stadler Wants the Bodies of  
Her Children Disinterred.

Deputy Coroner Deegan, of Brooklyn, was visited today by Mrs. Joseph Stadler, of Fort Hamilton, who asked him to investigate the death of her three children, who, she said, she suspected had been poisoned by some secret enemy. She resides with her husband and her stepson, a young man of twenty-four. Her first child died five years ago. A doctor who had attended the child gave a certificate setting forth that death resulted from natural causes. Two years ago another child died. She says that a physician who was called in suggested the same mistake had been made in giving the child its medicine, but the doctor in attendance declared the child had died of convulsions. She thought nothing more of the case until she lost her third child, a few weeks ago.

She wanted the authorities to disinter the bodies and make an autopsy. She could give no reasons for suspecting that anybody had poisoned the children. She was referred to an agent, Walkley, of the District-Attorney's office. Little credence was placed in her story.

Funeral of Mrs. Paron Stevens.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Paron Stevens will be held in Trinity Church, Twenty-first street and Fourth avenue, at 11:30 A. M. on Monday. The interment will be postponed until the funeral of Mrs. Stevens can be held.

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## ONE STARVING TWO-YEAR-OLD

Pretty Annie Kitty Found on a  
Bundle of Rags.

Mother Dead, Father Drunk and  
the Child Nearly Dead.

Agent Deubert, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, in Essex Market Police Court this morning, told a pitiful story to Justice Burke and asked that two-year-old Annie Kitty, the pretty child of Thomas Burke, be committed to the Society's care.

"The little thing is not in court," said Agent Deubert. "She lies in Bellevue Hospital, and Dr. Chatwood, the house surgeon, says she cannot be moved. "The child was found in a rear tenement at No. 124 Cherry street, at 10 o'clock last night, with scarcely any clothing on, lying on a few rags. She was sick unto death, the result of starvation."

Justice Burke committed the child to the Society. Neighbors said that Kitty had starved his wife to death, while he drank. Agent Deubert, with Policemen Sly and Reilly, of the Madison street station, investigated the rooms last night in Cherry street. In one corner of the room they found Annie, pale and emaciated, on a bundle of rags, and three women in the same apartment were shouting drunk.

One of the women was Margaret Storr, who left her husband a few weeks ago and gave her three small children to the Dominican Sisters. Then she went to live with Kitty. According to Agent Deubert's story, Kitty was neglected by his wife and children. That Mrs. Kitty was forced to apply for charity. The agent declares Kitty forced his wife to do this or starve. Kitty has a relative who is a policeman in New York. He compelled the wife to live under the name of Connor, and it was by this name the family was known in Cherry street. Mrs. Kitty gave out under the strain and was sent to St. Joseph's Hospital, One Hundred and Forty-third street and St. Ann's avenue, where she died.

"He has been drunk ever since," said the neighbors, and his room was full of worthless women. When Mr. Deubert demanded the child last night Mrs. Storr refused to give her up. She called Kitty, who came with her, intoxicated, and that the children and Policemen Sly and Reilly were compelled to draw their clubs.

The officers sent the men from the apartments, and procuring a shawl carried little Annie to a Bellevue Hospital car and thence to Bellevue Hospital.

Kitty came voluntarily to court this morning, and said he would take care of his eight-year-old boy. Justice Burke ordered him to appear in court to-morrow, with his boy William, who had been concealed from the Society.

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## ASSAULTED MRS. CARR.

Three Strangers Call on Her and  
Ask for Her Widowed Sister.

Mrs. Jennie Geoghegan, a young and good looking widow, residing with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Carr, at 344 East Thirty-fourth street, recently received \$200 insurance money. Last evening William Siebert, of 120 West Forty-first street, Michael Shields, of 37 East Thirty-fourth street, and John Downey, whose residence is not known, all strangers to Mrs. Geoghegan and Mrs. Carr, called at the house, it is alleged, and Siebert, who appeared to be the ringleader, said: "We've called to see the widow." Mrs. Carr told them to go away. As he tried to close the room door, Siebert struck her a blow on the shoulder with his fist, and then grabbed her around the neck with both hands. "The women, who were alone at home, screamed for help, and the callers fled. Siebert rushed to the roof, where he was captured by Patrolman McCormack, of the East Thirty-fifth street station. An hour later the officer caught Shields. Justice Deuel at Yorkville Police Court this morning committed them to the island for three months each in default of \$1,000 bail.

## VICTIM OF THE FAMINE.

Mrs. McKennan to Start To-day for  
Her Husband in Scotland.

Mrs. Lizzie McKennan, who has had more trouble in the last few months than most women have in a lifetime, will sail with her four children on the Furness this afternoon, bound for her home and husband.

The McKennans family settled in Oklahoma, la., two years ago, but the famine reduced them in circumstances until they were in danger of starvation. The husband raised enough money to go to Scotland, and about a month ago sent steamship tickets to his family. Mrs. McKennan and her children left their home penniless. They were a day's journey from the railroad, and during the three weeks they have spent in reaching this city, they have begged for food in the streets and begged for food in wagons or freight trains.

They reached here Thursday night, and applied to the police station for assistance. He bought them dinner and sent them to the Gerry Society. There the children were taken care of, while the mother and baby were sent to Bellevue Hospital.

## MANTELL IN CONTEMPT.

An Order for the Actor's Arrest Has  
Been Granted.

Robert B. Mantell, the actor, was adjudged guilty of contempt of Court, and an order for his commitment to jail was signed by Justice Beckman in Supreme Court Chambers today.

Mrs. Mantell was granted a decree of divorce and \$50 a week alimony on July 15, 1893. Mantell is a married man, the alimony to the extent of \$520. He has kept beyond the jurisdiction of the Court for nearly two years for fear of arrest. Business on the road being bad, Mantell was seized with a desire to play in this city in the hope of retrieving his fortunes. With this end in view, he applied to the Court for a reduction of the alimony to \$25 a week, agreeing to make up the balance due his wife in weekly installments.

Justice Beckman says that nothing short of the most convincing proof of Mantell's inability to pay the sum due by the Court, would justify him in interfering. Mantell he says is abundantly able to pay the alimony.

"It is doubtless a galling burden," he continues, "but it is the result of his own misconduct."

## HER PIANO NEVER CAME.

Luciana Dickson Is Out \$2, and Has  
an Old Man Arrested.

Luciana Dickson, of 230 West Twenty-eighth street, a young colored woman, complained in Jefferson Market Court this morning against Lewis L. Vaughn, seventy years old, of 333 West Thirty-first street. Mrs. Dickson says in January, Vaughn, representing himself to be an agent from Chickering Hall, offered to sell her a waltz and piano for \$50 if she would give him a penny to bind the bargain.

"Brother Bardwell, your pastor, has paid me \$5 on one," said he. Luciana thought it was a good thing and gave him \$2 on first payment.

Vaughn denied the story and said he never saw the woman till just dropped him in the street. Justice Beckman adjourned the case.

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MAYOR STRONG'S attention is respectfully directed to the fact that he has recently licensed two of the most notorious dive-keepers that ever disgraced New York, and that their vile dens are now open.

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